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IN THE CLAIMS:

 (Currently Amended) A method of playing a wagering game, comprising: providing a deck of cards, each card associated with a numeric value; receiving a wager from one or more players;

dealing four cards to each player position and a dealer or house position to create player hands and a dealer hand;

each player and the dealer or house arranging the cards into a high hand and a low hand; comparing each player hand, upon which a wager has been place, to the dealer hand; collecting the wagers associated with losing player hand(s), if any such hands exist; and providing a payout to winning player hand(s), if any such hands exist,

wherein a winning hand is a hand where the high hand and low hand of a player hand are higher in ranking than the high hand and the low hand of the dealer hand and a losing hand is a hand where the high hand and low hand of a player hand are lower in ranking than the high hand and the low hand of the dealer, wherein a ranking of hands from highest to lowest is: pairs, highest to lowest, then, in non-paired hands, the sum total of the two cards having the highest least significant digit of the sum total of the numeric value of the cards.

- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising allowing a player an option to wager upon and arrange unwagered hand dealt to a player position.
- 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the deck of cards includes a joker and the joker is defined as wild card.

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5. (Currently Amended) A method of playing a wagering game, comprising: providing a deck of cards, wherein the deck of cards does not include face cards, and each card is associated with a numeric value from 1 to 10;

receiving a wager from one or more players;

dealing four or more cards to each player position and a dealer position;

each player and the dealer arranging the cards into a high hand and a low hand;

comparing each player high hand and low hand to the dealer high hand and low hand respectively;

determining winning players and losing players, to the extent any such players exist; collecting the wagers associated with losing players, if any such players exist; and providing a payout to winning players, if any such players exist,

wherein a winning player is a player having the high hand and low hand higher in ranking than the high hand and the low hand of the dealer hand and a losing player is a player having the high hand and low hand lower in ranking than the high hand and the low hand of the dealer.

- 6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, further comprising providing an option for player to wager on unwagered cards or unwagered hands.
- 7. (New) The method of Claim 5, wherein if the player arranges their cards into other an the high hand and low hand the dealer reconfigures the cards in a house way.
- 8. (New) A method of playing a wagering game, comprising:

 providing a deck of cards, wherein each card has a single numeric value associated therewith and the numeric values range in value from zero to some number N, where N equals any whole number;

receiving a wager from one or more players;

dealing four cards to each player position and a dealer or house position to create player hands and a dealer hand;

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each player and the dealer or house arranging the cards into a high hand and a low hand; comparing each player hand, upon which a wager has been place, to the dealer hand; collecting the wagers associated with losing player hand(s), if any such hands exist; and providing a payout to winning player hand(s), if any such hands exist,

wherein a winning hand is a hand where the high hand and low hand of a player hand are higher in ranking than the high hand and the low hand of the dealer hand and a losing hand is a hand where the high hand and low hand of a player hand are lower in ranking than the high hand and the low hand of the dealer.

- 9. (New) The method of Claim 8, wherein the deck of cards includes a joker and the joker is defined as wild card.
- 10. (New) The method of Claim 8, wherein a ranking of hands from highest to lowest is: pairs, highest to lowest, then, in non-paired hands, the sum total of the two cards having the highest least significant digit of the sum total of the numeric value of the cards.